

Fort Flagler Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS)

Welcome to the Fort Flagler Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) web site we have established to keep you informed about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers efforts to conduct the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) Site Investigation (SI).

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is evaluating FUDS that had historically been used for military activities and training. One of these sites, Fort Flagler, is located in Jefferson county, near Port Townsend, WA.

Between 1900 and 1946 Fort Flagler was used as a U.S. Army costal defense artillery installation protecting Puget Sound. Early in the fort's construction the Treasury Department located a lighthouse on the northeast shore of the installation. During World War II the Navy operated an underwater listening station but the fort remained a costal defense installation until 1950 when all harbor defenses around Puget Sound were abolished. The installation was then used for amphibious training and maneuvers.

In 1953 Fort Flagler was closed and considered excess to the needs of the Department of Defense. The Treasury Department retained the land containing the lighthouse and the rest of the property was transferred to the State of Washington for use as a state park.

The Corps will do the evaluation by conducting a MMRP SI. The SI will be conducted by a Corps contractor, Shaw Environmental. The work to be performed will include access to and a visual inspection of property that was part of the former Fort Flagler. The inspection may also include soil and/or water sampling.

The SI will be used to determine what future work the Corps may do to clean-up possible munitions related components and chemical constituents used during training. The Corps of Engineers inspects and

evaluates sites contaminated with hazardous waste, radioactive waste, and/or munitions according to federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations.

In order to begin the SI the Corps will be contacting the property owner of the former Fort Flagler site requesting the owner to provide a signed Department of the Army Right of Entry (ROE) for Investigation and Sampling.

If you have ideas that would make this web site more useful to you, please let us know.

You're invited to E-mail your comments or questions to the Seattle District, Ft. Flager Project Manager: michael.d.nelson@usace.army.mil.

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